

208. (New) An apparatus according to claim 191, wherein said deicer air jet nozzle is mounted to the free end of the boom.

209. (New) A method according to claim 199, and further comprising the step of forcing air outward from the deicer air jet nozzle at about 100 pounds per minute.--

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 90 through 209 are pending, with Claims 90, 98, 107, 116, 117, 124, 132, 150, 151, 183, 191, and 199 being independent. Claims 183 through 209 have been added.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.607(c)

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.607(c), the Examiner is respectfully advised that newly added Claims 183 through 209 have been copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 4 and 6 through 28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,209,823 ("Foster '823") to Clifton L. Foster, issued on April 3, 2001, and assigned to FMC Corporation.

Applicants have copied the claims from Foster '823 for the purpose of provoking an interference with that patent. Support for the copied claims and the

identification of a proposed count for the interference will be submitted in a separate Request for Interference which will be filed in due course. In the meantime, if the Examiner reaches this case for action prior to receipt of the Request for Interference, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned before acting on the subject application.

CONCLUSION

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